GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MIGRATION OF HINDUS FROM PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Pakistani Hindus crossed the international border illegally in the wake of the 1965 and 1971 wars between India and Pakistan;

(b) whether there were many Hindus who come to India with legal document and refuse to go back to Pakistan;

(c) if so, whether all these Hindus were proposed to be given Indian Citizenship;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the criteria laid down therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to grant Indian citizenship to these Hindus?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (e): It has been reported that a large number of Pakistani Hindus who came to India with legal documents refused to go back to Pakistan.

Indian citizenship is granted as per the provision of the Citizenship Act, 1955 and rules made thereunder. However, in order to facilitate the acquisition of Indian citizenship by Pakistan nationals of minority Hindu community displaced consequent to the wars between India and Pakistan in the years 1965 and 1971, powers have been delegated to the State Governments of Gujarat and Rajasthan from 28.02.2004 to 27.02.2007.

No specific information is available regarding the number of Pakistani Hindus who crossed over illegally to India in the wake of wars in the years 1965 and 1971 between Indian and Pakistan.